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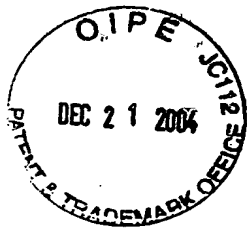
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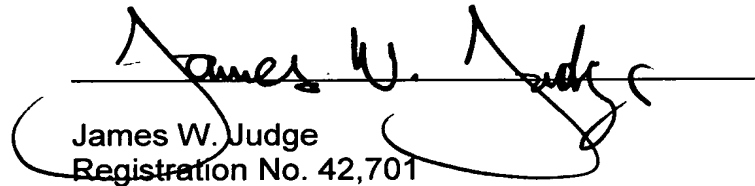
For the Examiner's reference, a copy of the European Search Report also accompanies this paper. Of the five references cited in the Search Report, the non-patent document titled "Design of a channel drop filter by using a donor-type cavity with high-quality factor in a two-dimensional photonic crystal slab" has already been submitted in an IDS dated May 17, 2004 in the instant case, and because it is thus cumulative to material already made of record, the reference is not being submitted here.

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Respectfully submitted,

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